

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance by canceling all rejected claims. Entry of this Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 3-6 and 8.

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 7, and 9-14 are canceled. Therefore, claims 3-6 and 8 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004, claims 1, 2, and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Re. 31,545 to Quinn (Quinn) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,945,263 to Estrada (Estrada) and claims 7 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted Prior Art, in view of Quinn and Estrada. Claims 3-6 and 8 were allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 9-14 have been canceled, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Claims 3-6 and 8 are pending, and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing client matter number 108075-00048.

Respectfully submitted,

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